

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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January 7, 2018 | The Epiphany of the Lord

Journey of the Magi

TS. Eliot's *Journey of the Magi* had a profound effect on me as a Jesuit novice. The poem offered a key to Ignatian contemplation, a prayer form I had been struggling with. At the start of the poem, Eliot does exactly what Ignatius tells someone to do when contemplating a story from Scripture. Eliot takes on the persona of one of the magi, sees the situation through the magus's eyes, hears what the participants are saying, and considers what they are doing.

You might call Eliot's depiction raw realist invention. He describes the harsh winter weather, the refractory camels, the unreliable servants, the frigid nights at desolate campsites, the unfriendly reception the travelers received in some of the places they passed through, and the final arrival at a town that was at best undistinguished.

The beginning of Eliot's poem taught me to approach Ignatian contemplation with imaginative freedom. The ending, however, disillusioned me. The magus claims not to regret the journey. Still, his experience is shrouded in ambiguity. He had gone to witness a birth, but once arrived he could not shake the shadow of death. He had gone looking for assurance; instead, he was left with a profound sense of dislocation.



L'Adoration des mages.
Mathias Stomer. Between 1601 and 1650.

It is a dark reflection, and I was disconcerted that Eliot, who had converted to Anglicanism the year before the poem was published, ended the poem on a note of ambiguity and dislocation. It seemed to me that a believing Christian should have ended on a note of uncomplicated affirmation and confidence.

With time, I came to appreciate the poem's ending even more than its beginning. I recognized that Eliot was unwittingly following St. Ignatius' instructions for the conclusion of a contemplation. Eliot was sharing what was in his heart. Ignatius tells us to share what is in our hearts with the Trinity or with Jesus. Eliot addresses the reader. The intention to share is the same.

Eliot cannot experience uncomplicated joy at the birth of the Savior because he knows that the Savior's death was written into his birth. After his conversion, Eliot cannot be entirely at home in his world, an increasingly post-Christian society in which he feels partly an outsider, uncomfortable with the secular turn his culture is taking.

Eliot could not write from the stance of easy affirmation and confidence my novice-self longed for him to adopt. Instead, he wrote out of uneasy faith—more valuable than uncomplicated affirmation, and out of beleaguered hope—more enduring than confidence. More valuable and more enduring because more honest.

Honesty is the most important thing *Journey of the Magi* taught me about prayer. If we pray as we think a person of faith ought to pray or as we think God expects a person of faith to pray, then our prayer is useless. We need to share with the Trinity what is truly in our hearts, even if it is confusion and doubt, distress and disturbance. We need to be honest with God; otherwise, we are playacting, not praying.

I first read *Journey of the Magi* half a century ago, before photocopying became widespread or the Internet existed. I discovered the poem because a novice classmate reproduced it on a spirit duplicator and distributed it on the Feast of the Epiphany. Today all you need do to find it is go to the internet and search for it. I suggest you do. Eliot's poem has a lot to teach us about prayer.

— Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Associate Pastor

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

Sunday Social.

8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.

Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.

Follows the 7:30 PM Mass.

Details on page 3.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8th

Moms, Pops & Tots.

10:30 AM. Meeting Room.

Details on page 4.

Ranger Rosary Ministry.

7:00 PM. Meeting Room.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.

7:00 PM. Conference Room.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY JANUARY 12th – JANUARY 14th

Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.

For information on volunteering,
see page 3.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



BLOOD DRIVE **Sunday, January 28th** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM McKinnon Hall

The New York Blood Center requires 2,000 donations daily to meet the transfusion needs of our community.

While all donations are welcome, there is particular need for the following blood types: *O Negative, O Positive, A Negative, and B Negative.* Your donation may enable a premature baby to live, a burn victim to recover, a cancer patient to be treated, or an accident victim to survive.

To register:

Online – www.nybloodcenter.org/blood

Telephone – (800) 933-2566

Please reference Group Code 06239 when registering.

Walk-ins are also welcome.

A photo or signature ID is required.

Please drink plenty of fluids and eat a well-balanced meal before giving blood.

THIS WEEKEND: BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT FAMILIES



A special Blessing for Expectant Families will be offered to expectant families at all Masses this weekend.

As we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, we encourage those families about to experience the miracle of birth or adoption to join us for this special blessing.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul extends our deep gratitude to the Parish for the success of our **Thanksgiving and Advent Drives.**

Thanks to your generosity:

- Our **Thanksgiving Drive** collected 29 boxes of food plus \$2,510 in monetary donations for the New York Common Pantry
- Our **Advent Food Drive** collected 26 boxes of food for the SVdP Pantry at the Church of the Ascension (West 107th Street)
- We collected countless toys for the Church of Saint Mary of the Assumption + Our Lady of Mount Carmel - St. Benedicta (Staten Island)
- The **Christmas Angels** gifts provided gifts to 398 people from 6 months old to 100 years old, and the number of recipients split equally between Saint Mary's Church on Grand Street and Our Lady of Lourdes on West 142nd Street. For many of the recipients, the Angel Gift was their only Christmas present.

Thank You

*The members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul -
Saint Lawrence O'Toole Conference*



Catholic Schools Week

January 28th – February 3rd

Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of Catholic elementary and secondary schools and the important role they play in providing a values-added education for America's young people.

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS



Sunday Social Schedule

The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21–39) are welcome.

Sunday Social Dates

January 7 February 4 March 4

To receive updates on IYA events, you can follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/IgnatianYoungAdults

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



FRIDAY – SUNDAY

JANUARY 12th – JANUARY 14th

SVdP Women's Shelter

Wallace Hall

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers for the Women's Shelter, which is located in Wallace Hall every other weekend, from November through April.

If you would like to volunteer in the Shelter, please leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House or email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

PARISH MEN'S FAITH GROUP



Tuesday, January 23rd
7:00 PM
Parish Lounge

**FIVE LESSONS EVERY MAN
NEEDS TO LEARN!**

Facilitated by Brian Pinter

The wisdom of our Christian tradition teaches us that there are five essential lessons every man must learn if he is to thrive; wisdom he must internalize so that he may bring his gifts to his community. Our presentation and discussion will briefly introduce and explore these lessons. There will also be opportunity for prayer and small group sharing and listening.

For more information, contact Brian Pinter at brianbpinter@gmail.com

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER



Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

Morning Sessions

Tuesdays, January 30th – March 13th*
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Evening Sessions

Wednesdays, January 31st – March 14th*
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

*Note: Both sessions will conclude with an evening Mass on Wednesday, March 21st.

What does it offer?

Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer, guided meditation, small group faith sharing, and an orientation for the following week's prayer or prayer techniques. The cost of the program is a sliding scale of \$30-\$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available.

Flyers with program details and information about registration will be available in the Narthex next week.

EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on **Tuesday evening, February 13th**, at the Parish House, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.

To register, email EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com
Registration is required.

LAY MINISTERS' ENRICHMENT

SAVE THE DATE

LME invites all parishioners to...

A SPIRITUALITY FOR TWO HALVES OF LIFE

... a program directed by Brian Pinter Bible Scholar-in-Residence at Christ Church UMC and frequent lecturer & instructor at St. Ignatius.

For details and registration information, please see next week's bulletin.

NEW!

MOMS, POPS & TOTS



Monday, January 8th
10:30 AM
Meeting Room

Meets every Monday!

This gathering provides parents with young children the opportunity to make friends and develop community while strengthening their own spiritual lives. Coffee and treats are available for the parents.

No RSVP is required.

For more information,
email Nicole O'Reilly at n_fusaro@yahoo.com

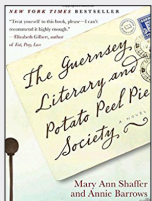
MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

JANUARY SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, January 18th at 2:00 PM
Conference Room

JANUARY BOOK SELECTION

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows



January 1946: Writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a founding member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. And so begins a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German occupation, and of a society as extraordinary as its name.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society is available for purchase from most book retailers, including Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.

To register for the January 18th book discussion,
email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18th - 25th

This year's theme is
**Your Right Hand, O Lord,
Glorious in Power**

The *Week of Christian Prayer* invites Christians throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus: "that they all may be one...so the world may believe." (John 17:21).

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, January 8th

(The Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12
1 John 5:1-9 Mark 1:7-11
8:30 MEM Caroline Choix
12:10 MEM James Greene
5:30 MEM Andrew McEvoy

Tuesday, January 9th (1st Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 1:9-20 1 Samuel 2 Mark 1:21-28
8:30 MEM Simone Saracino Fendi
12:10 MEM Peter Greco
5:30 MEM Stratford Wallace

Wednesday, January 10th

(1st Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Psalm 40 Mark 1:29-39
8:30 MEM John P. Belli
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM George Terriberry

Thursday, January 11th (1st Thursday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 4:1-11 Psalm 44 Mark 1:40-45
8:30 MEM Virginia Grant
12:10 MEM The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the
Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Friday, January 12th (1st Friday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a Psalm 89 Mark 2:1-12
8:30 MEM Betty Ruffer
12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
5:30 MEM Margaret Phelan

Saturday, January 13th (1st Saturday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Psalm 21 Mark 2:13-17
8:30 MEM Veronica Raible

Sunday, January 14th (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 Psalm 40
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:35-42

THIS WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION



This weekend, January 6th & 7th,
our Parish will take up a
special collection at all Masses for the



Catholic Communication Campaign
and
The Catholic University of America.

Thank you for your generosity.

LECTURE



Jesuits & Interfaith Dialogue
Monday, January 22nd at 8:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Fr. Tom Worcester, S.J., President of Regis College in Toronto, will discuss the role of Jesuits in interfaith and ecumenical dialogue from the origins of the Society of Jesus to the present day.



Fr. Thomas Worcester, S.J., is President of Toronto's Regis College. Prior to his appointment, Fr. Worcester was a History professor at the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts.



Feeding Our Neighbors: Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola will be participating in the food drive scheduled from Sunday, January 28th through Sunday, February 4th.

Donations will go to the Church of the Ascension on the Upper West Side.

Please bring non-perishable foods to the Parish House.

While all donations are greatly appreciated, these items are especially welcome:

- 100% fruit juices
- beans (*canned or dry*)
- canned fish (*salmon, sardines, or tuna*)
- canned fruits
- canned meat (*chicken, beef, or ham*)
- canned stews (*chicken or beef*)
- canned vegetables
 - coffee/tea
 - couscous
 - dried fruits
 - dry cereal and hot cereal (*farina, grits, or oatmeal*)
 - dry milk packets
- flour/cornmeal/baking mixes
- nutritional beverages (*Boost, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast*)
- nuts
- pasta/noodles
- peanut butter
- personal care items
 - rice
 - shelf-stable milk
 - soy/almond/rice milk
 - spices
 - tomato sauce
 - vegetable soups
 - whole wheat crackers

Every item counts!
Thank you for your generosity.

MUSIC



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th



11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Callahan
Prelude on Union Seminary

Phillips
Voluntary on Crucifer

Mendelssohn
I waited for the Lord

Philips
Ave Jesu Christe

Campbell
Gaudeamus

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series

presents

SIMON JOHNSON

Organist and Assistant Music Director of St. Paul's Cathedral, London



Sunday, January 14th at 3:00 PM

The N.P. Mander organ is the largest tracker-action pipe organ in the New York metropolitan area. All N.P. Mander Organ Recitals feature large-screen projection, offering the audience a rare view of the organist at work.

Tickets: \$25

Tickets are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

THE ANNUAL APPEAL



As we embark on a new year, please remember to include your contribution to the Annual Appeal on your to-do list.

In order to fund the current level of service and programming, we rely on the Annual Appeal, which is now underway.



If you have not yet made a donation, you can do so by visiting the Annual Appeal page on the St. Ignatius website by scanning the QR code at left.

To electronically access the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017, visit our website at stignatiusloyola.org

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:

Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM	Fr. Feely
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Fr. Yesalonia
	9:30 AM	Fr. Yesalonia
Wallace Hall Family	11:00 AM	Fr. McLaughlin
Solemn	11:00 AM	Fr. Hilbert
	7:30 PM	Fr. Hilbert

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Centering Prayer

Mondays at 6:30 PM.

Confessions

4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please call Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) to arrange for a Baptism and the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A., Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages

The Bride or Groom should call Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick

Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Art Exhibit: A New World: Contemporary Art Exploring Dorothy Day's Vision of Social Justice. Through January 12, 2018. Gallery at the Sheen Center for Thought and Culture, 18 Bleecker Street. Co-sponsored by The Sheen Center for Thought and Culture & the Dorothy Day Guild. The exhibit explores the legacy of radical activist and candidate for sainthood, Dorothy Day, through the juxtaposition of her writings with the work of 21 contemporary artists.

ArchCare Care Navigation Center: Resources for Seniors. Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed. Lenox Hill is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to their Catholic patients. Prospective volunteers will need to complete an application, come in for an interview, be medically cleared and attend an orientation session. A weekly commitment is required. If you are interested in this or any other volunteer opportunities at Lenox Hill Hospital, please contact Carlos Cuartas at ccuartas@northwell.edu for more information.

**We pray for
the faithful departed**

*Peter Joseph Burke
Philip Lobkowitz*

**May they rest in the peace
of the Risen Lord.**

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org